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NINETEENTH SESSION

OF THE

Iowa Annual Conference,

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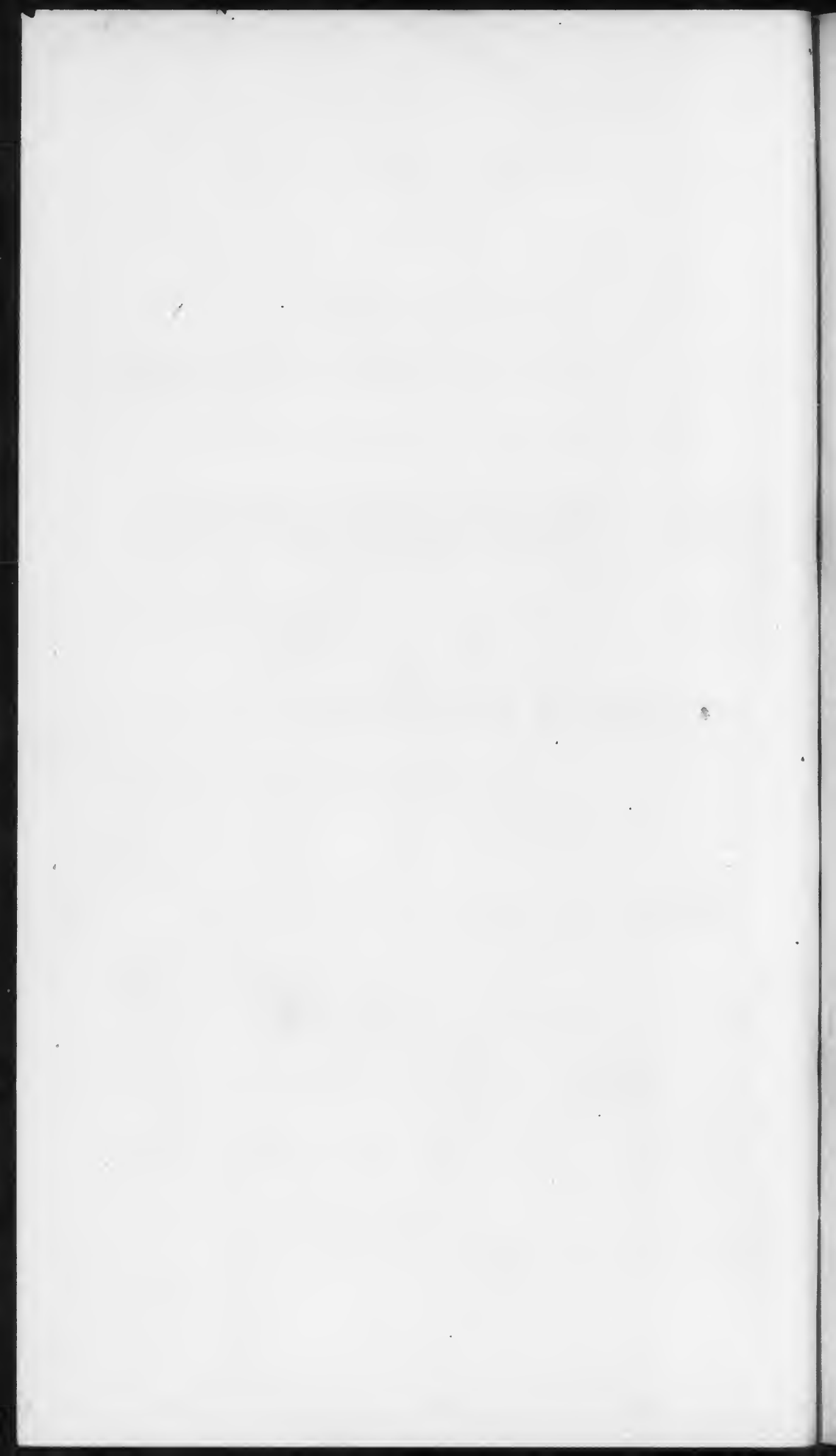
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The Nineteenth Session of the Iowa Annual Conference of the M. E. Church convened, in the M. E. Church, Washington, Iowa, on Wednesday, September 10th, 1862, at 8 A. M.; Rev Bishop OSMON C. BAKER, presiding.

The Bishop opened the session by reading the 138th Psalm and the 4th Chapter of II Corinthians. The hymn commencing.—

“ My gracious Lord, I own thy right
To every service I can pay ;”

was sung, and the Bishop offered prayer.

The Roll of the Conference was called, and sixty-three members answered to their names.

E. H. WARING was re-elected Secretary, E. L. BRIGGS, Assistant Secretary, JAMES HAYNES, Recording Secretary, and G. N. POWER, Statistical Secretary.

The hours of meeting and the bar of Conference were then agreed upon.

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED:

Public Worship—J. Harris, B. Mark.

Conference Stewards and Committee on Necessitous Cases—Ministers; John Haynes, G. W. Byrkit, I. A. Bradrick; Laymen; George Sweney, J. P. Grantham, S. L. Lawrence, John Heacock.

Education—J. B. Hardy, J. H. Power, J. T. Simmons, J. Darrah, W. J. Spaulding, I. I. Stewart, C. Elliott, and G. B. Jocelyn.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Sunday Schools—G. W. Friend, H. W. Thomas, J. B. Hill, J. H. White, W. C. Shippen, B. Holland.

Tract Cause—A. Laubach, W. Simpson, A. C. Williams.

Temperance—J. Gassner, S. Reynolds, C. P. Reynolds, J. McDowell, L. A. Smith, M. Carrier.

State of the Country—A. W. Johnson, W. Dennet, E. W. Twining, C. Elliott, H. Crellin, W. F. Cowles.

Bible Cause—G. W. Friend, P. F. Bresee, C. Morey, J. H. Power, A. W. Stryker.

Periodicals—J. Hayden, E. Miller, G. W. Bamford, D. Worthington, James Haynes, A. C. Barnhart.

Post Offices—C. W. Shaw.

State of the Church—C. A. Hawn, J. H. Power, B. Mark, P. F. Holtzinger, M. B. Wayman, G. Clammer.

On Pastoral Address—W. Simpson, G. B. Jocelyn, C. Elliott.

To Collect the returns from the vote on Lay Representation—John Haynes, J. G. Thompson, W. Poston, J. Burgess, T. D. Boyles, G. H. Clark.

On New York Book Accounts—J. Gassner.

On Memoirs—I. A. Bradrick, T. E. Corkhill, I. I. Stewart.

To raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. A. Hawn, A. C. Williams, S. H. Thomas, H. Runyan, W. A. Byrkit, J. Welch.

A draft for \$25 was ordered on the Chartered Fund.

Rev. L. Hitchcock, Book Agent, addressed the Conference respecting the business of the Concern.

The parchments of Henry Clay Dean, and his letter of withdrawal from the Church, were filed.

The Ladies were invited to raise the National Flag on the Church, and Dr. Elliott was requested to raise the flag, presented to him at St. Louis, in the Conference room.

W. Dennet was appointed Assistant Statistical Secretary.

A Circular from the S. S. Union of the M. E. Church was read, and also a Circular from the Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church. Both were appropriately referred.

The question, "Who are the Deacons?" was called. A. C. Williams, John Haynes, J. Welch, C. A. Hawn, and J. A. Wilson, were examined as to studies and character and passed. W. W. Orris, C. S. Jennis, J. B. Casebeer, W. Mahon, and B. F. Tallman were represented and their characters passed. They had not been examined as to studies. Brothers Casebeer and Mahon were in the Army, and Bro. Tallman was kept from the examination by sickness.

M. B. Wayman and Emory Miller were examined, and represented as to studies and character, and elected to Elder's orders. D. Murphy was represented and his character passed. He was not before the Examining Committee, being absent in the Army. He was elected to Elder's orders, subject to an examination with regard to studies by Dr. Elliott.

The question, "Who are the super-annuated or worn out preachers?" was called. R. Mulholland was reported transferred to the California Conference. N. Wells, F. M. Slusser, and F. H. Carey were represented, passed, and made effective. H. Gibson, L. C. Woodford, and A. Bussey were represented, passed, and their relation continued. J. W. Maxon's case was referred to a Committee of Trial.

L. T. Rowley made a statement of the condition of Keokuk District was represented, and passed. C. G. Milnes, J. B. Hardy, M. See, A. W. Johnson, S. S. Gruber, J. Hayden, J. Gassner, G. W. Friend, and M. Miller, were severally represented and passed. S. S. Gruber was located at his own request.

A. Robinson made a statement of the condition of Burlington District, was represented and passed. P. P. Ingalls, J. H. Power, J. G. Thompson, A. S. Prather, W. Dennet, and O. C. Shelton were severally represented and passed.

The session closed with the benediction by Dr. Elliott.

8 A. M., THURSDAY, September 11th, 1862.

Religious services by Dr. Elliott.

The Roll was called and fifty-three answered to their names. The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

A. S. Prather was appointed Conference Reporter, and A. Laubach to collect money due on the minutes of 1861.

J. Darrah, G. B. Jocelyn and E. H. Waring were appointed to revise the Constitution of the Conference Missionary Society.

Papers respecting Columbus Seminary were referred to the Committee on Education.

The ballot in the Conference on lay-representation was taken. The ballot was kept open to allow absentees to vote.

The Bishop announced the Committee in the case of J. W. Maxon; viz: D. Worthington, *Chairman*, J. H. Power, B. Holland, W. Simpson, H. Crellin, A. Laubach, O. C. Shelton, I. A. Bradrick, A. W. Johnson, W. C. Shippen, J. G. Thompson, G. W. Friend.

A. W. Stryker, G. N. Power, H. W. Thomas and S. Reynolds, Effective Elders of Burlington District, were represented and passed.

J. Harris made a statement of the condition of Muscatine District, was represented and passed. F. W. Evans, C. P. Reynolds, W. Poston, J. Craig, J. B. Hill, B. Mark, G. W. Bamford, E. W. Twining, J. R. Carey, J. T. Simmons, J. Elrod and J. H. McCutchen were represented and passed. J. H. McCutchen was super-annuated at his request. E. T. Coiner was reported deceased. Appropriate remarks respecting his character and history were made by I. A. Bradrick and others.

T. E. Corkhill made a statement of the condition of Mt. Pleasant District, was represented and passed. I. A. Bradrick, J. Q. Hammond, D. Worthington, J. Darrah, J. McDowell, E. L. Briggs, J. Burgess, J. H. White, P. F. Holtzinger, C. Elliott, G. B. Jocelyn, and A. J. Kirkpatrick were represented and passed. Certain communications respecting the cases of W. Simpson and A. W. Stryker, were referred to a Committee of Five, and J. Gassner, C. Morey, S. Reynolds, A. W. Johnson and G. W. Bamford were appointed the Committee.

W. F. Cowles made a statement of the condition of Oskaloosa District, was represented and passed. E. H. Waring, A. C. Barnhart, J. H. Lucas, M. Carrier, G. Clammer, S. Hestwood, P. F. Bresee, A. Laubach, G. H. Clark, B. Holland, S. F. C. Garrison, and I. P. Teter were represented and passed. I. I. Stewart addressed the Conference respecting his case, was represented and passed, and granted a super-annuated relation.

H. W. Thomas was appointed Assistant Secretary. The minutes were read and approved.

I. I. Stewart pronounced the benediction.

8 A. M. FRIDAY, September 12th, 1862.

Religious services by Rev. W. F. Cowles.

The Committee to memorialize the State Legislature in regard to a State Reform School, reported that they had done so; but that, owing to the existing difficulties, no favorable action could be secured.

The Exhibit of the New York Book Concern and the Report of the New York Book Committee were read.

Rev. Dr. Elliott, by request of the Conference, gave an interesting history of the flag, given him in St. Louis, and of an Iron Negro Yoke, taken from the neck of an escaped contraband in Missouri, and now in Dr. Elliott's possession. He also spoke of the interests of the *Central Christian Advocate*.

Rev. L. Hitchcock, addressed the Conference respecting the business of the Book Concern.

The Conference gave way at 10 A. M. to a meeting of the Corporators of the I. W. University.

8 A. M. SATURDAY, September 13th, 1862.

Religious services by Rev. B. Holland.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

W. F. Cowles, was requested to preach his sermon before the conference, on the relation of the Citizen to the Civil Government.

The Committee in the case of J. W. Maxon reported that the charges against him were not sustained. His character passed and he was continued as a super-annuate.

The claims of the Conference beneficiaries were referred for determination to the Conference Stewards.

M. H. Hare made a statement of the condition of Albia District, was represented and passed. James Haynes, C. Morey, T. D. Boyles, H. Crellin, W. C. Shippen, T. Audas, W. J. Spaulding, G. W. Byrkit, R. B. Allender, J. W. Latham, and A. Orr were represented and passed. L. A. Smith's case was referred to a Committee consisting of B. Holland, C. Morey, and W. Dennet.

A letter was read from Adam Miller, he was represented, passed and granted a Super-annuated relation at his request.

The Committee in the case of W. Simpson reported, he was represented, and passed.

Daniel R. Ellis of Blakesburg circuit, and Joseph Gadd of Blue Grass circuit, were recommended for the office of local deacon, represented, and elected. The orders of James H. Rhea, a deacon of the M. E. Church, South, after he was properly represented and examined, were recognized, providing he shall assume the ordination vows, in accordance with the discipline. He was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society reported, and the report was adopted. *See Report, No. I.*

The Report on the Bible Cause was read and adopted. *See Report, No. II.*

The Report on Temperance was read, amended, and adopted. *See Report, No. III.*

The Report on Missions, declining assistance from the Missionary funds, was read and adopted.

The Report on the Tract Cause was read and adopted. *See Report, No. IV.*

The Report on the minutes of 1861 was read and adopted. *See Report, No. V.* The unexpended balance is to be applied on the minutes of 1862.

G. St. Clair Hussey's parchments were filed.

A bill of \$6 47, for blanks and Stationery, was paid by a collection.

The Stewards Report on the claims of Conference beneficiaries was read and adopted.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to report on the Claims of Conference beneficiaries for the year 1862-63.

J. M. Coats, C. W. Shaw, S. H. Thomas, H. Runyon, L. M. Vernon, W. A. Byrkit, and S. M. Vernon,, of the Class of the Second year, were addressed by the Bishop, and asked the disciplinary questions, which were satisfactorily answered. They were then represented, admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders. J. B. Drayer, not having been before the Committee of Examination, was represented, and continued on trial.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Eddy pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION. 2 P. M.

Religious services by Rev. J. Gassner.

The Annual Report of the Western Book Committee and the Exhibit of the Western Book Concern were read.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. *See Report No. VI.* It was also resolved that a Sabbath School Convention shall be held in each District during the year; the presiding Elder to fix the time. In accordance with the 2d resolution of the Report B.

Holland, G. B. Jocelyn, and W. J. Spaulding, were appointed to draft a Constitution for a Conference Sunday School Society; and B. Holland, G. B. Jocelyn, W. J. Spaulding, G. W. Byrkit, and J. Harris were appointed managers to arrange for a S. S. Anniversary at the next session of Conference.

A. Laubach and C. W. Shaw were appointed Tellers of the ballot on lay-representation, and retired to count the votes.

The Stewards reported in part as follows:

RECEIPTS:

From Conference Collections,	-	-	\$243 92
From Chartered Fund,	.	-	25 00
Total,	-	-	<u>\$268 95</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

	CLAIM.	PAID.
To Mrs. Berry and children,	\$100 00.	\$38 05
“ Clark, - - -	25 00.	9 55
“ Conrad, - - -	25 00.	9 55
“ M’Claskey, - - -	25 00.	9 55
“ Coiner and child, - . -	25 00.	9 55
“ Jamieson and child, - -	50 00.	19 05
L. C. Woodford, - - -	100 00.	38 05
Mrs. Jay and children, - -	200 00.	108 93
“ Arrington and child, -	50 00.	26 67
Total, - -	<u>\$600 00.</u>	<u>\$268 95</u>

Mrs. Jay’s amount was paid by special subscriptions on Oskaloosa District, and Mrs. Arrington’s by Keokuk District.

The Report on the State of the Country was read and adopted. *See Report, No. VII.*

The orders of F. Ward, an Elder of the British Wesleyan Conference were recognized.

W. W. Orris and C. S. Jennis were located at their own request.

Newton, Knoxville, Mt. Pleasant, and Chatham Square, Keokuk, were nominated severally as the seat of the next Conference, and Newton was selected.

Dr. Eddy addressed the Conference respecting our Periodical, Sabbath School and Missionary interests.

The Report on Periodicals was read and adopted. *See Report, No. VIII.*

The votes on lay representation were reported as follows:

Vote of lay members in the several charges of the Conference:

Whole number of votes cast,	-	-	-	-	-	2010
For lay representation,	-	-	-	-	-	600
Against lay representation,	-	.	-	-	-	1410
Members eligible who did not vote,	-	-	-	-	-	1749

Vote of members of the Conference :

Whole number of votes cast,	- - - - -	78
For lay representation,	- - - - -	18
Against lay representation,	- - - - -	60

The report of the Statistical Secretary was presented and adopted.

See Report.

The preachers in charge were instructed to report at the next Conference, the members who are in the army, noting the fact of their absence in the Church register, and to furnish each one a testimonial of his membership that he may be recognized as a member of the Church wherever he may be. They are also to report the number of members from their several charges who are in the army.

It was ordered that each preacher shall be required to answer in the examination of character next year, as to all the collections required to be taken during the year (Missionary, Bible, Tract, Sunday School Union, Conference, and College Collections.) and if he has failed to take any of them, the reason of the failure.

Statistics are to be returned on the first day of the next session.

The Journal was read and approved.

Benediction by Dr. Elliott.

8 A. M. MONDAY, September 15th, 1862.

Religious services by Rev. O. C. Shelton.

The Committee in L. A. Smith's case, reported no cause of complaint, and that his character pass. Adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that the Bishop be requested to appoint a member of the Conference to preach a sermon at the next session, on the duties of the Christian Ministry.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to Rev. W. F. Cowles for his able and patriotic sermon, preached before the Conference on last evening, and request a copy thereof for publication.

Resolved, that we express our high appreciation of the services and ministrations of our beloved Bishop Baker, now, for the first time, President of this Conference, and we pray for him the constant care and presence of Almighty God, and the continuance of the divine wisdom and grace to him in the discharge of the solemn trusts committed to his care.

Resolved, that we express our gratification at the visit of our beloved brother, Rev. T. M. Eddy, D. D., Editor of the *Northwestern Advocate*, and order that his presence at our sessions be a standing rule of the Conference.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Conference are hereby given to the venerable C. Elliott, D D. for his interesting and valuable address on the symbols of Freedom and Slavery, the flag and the yoke, and that we promise to sustain him in his noble proclamation of "God and liberty," and in his heroic effort to "sustain the Union," and we trust that God will spare him to the *Central*, the pulpit and the platform; until the Flag waves every where in triumph, and every yoke shall be broken and the oppressed go free.

A. W. Stryker presented the receipt of the Bible Agent for money in his hand paid over, and H. W. Thomas a similar receipt from T. J. Maslin for money paid him for the S. S. Union.

Certain papers in the cases of W. Simpson and A. W. Stryker were filed.

Bishop Baker presented a certificate of the ordination on yesterday of the persons elected to Deacon's and Elder's orders, and of the recognition of the orders of J. H. Rhea.

The Report on Education was read, amended, and adopted. *See Report, No. IX.*

J. Q. Hammond was superannuated at his request.

The presiding Elders were appointed a standing Committee on memoirs for the year. A Committee on Education of one from each District, was ordered. The presiding Elders were authorized to announce the Committee after the close of the Conference.

The Bishop announced the Examining Committees &c., for 1863.

The Pastoral Address was read and adopted. The preachers in charge were directed to read it at each of their appointments. *See Report No. X.*

The following persons were introduced to the Conference during its session:—Rev'ds. R. S. Robinson, of W. Iowa Conference; L. M. Shearer, of the Presbyterian Church, O. S.; Z. H. Coston, of the Pittsburgh Conference; W. P. Watkins, of the N. W. Indiana Conference; N. H. Mitchell, of the U. B. Church; C. Thompson, of the Baptist Church; T. M. Eddy, D. D., Editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*; A. B. Hitchcock, of the Congregationalist Church; President O. M. Spencer, of the Iowa State University; and A. Young, of Upper Iowa Conference;

W. F. Cowles and W. C. Shippen were appointed delegates to the M. P. Conference to be held at Montezuma, August 1863.

The Bishop announced the transfer of T. Dixon from the W. Iowa to this Conference.

The Report of the Stewards was presented. *See Report No. IX.*

Resolutions of thanks were passed to the citizens of Washington, who entertained the Conference, to those ministers who invited the preachers to their pulpits, to A. R. Wickersham, Editor of the "Press," for publishing the proceedings of the Conference, to A. S. Prather, Conference Reporter, and to E. H. Waring, Secretary of the Conference.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Bishop gave out the hymn, commencing:—

"And let our bodies part,"

and, after the singing, Rev. W. F. Cowles led in prayer.

The appointments were then announced, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Baker.

SUMMARY.

Continued on Trial—J. B. Drayer.

Admitted into full Connection and ordained Deacons—J. M. Coats, C. W. Shaw, S. H. Thomas, H. Runyon, L. M. Vernon, W. A. Byrkit, S. M. Vernon.

Deacons of the second year—A. C. Williams, John Haynes, J. Welch, C. A. Hawn, J. A. Wilson, J. B. Casebeer, W. Mahon, B. F. Tallman.

Local Deacons ordained.—Daniel R. Ellis, Joseph Gadd.

Ordained Elders this year.—M. B. Wayman, Emory Miller — *Elected*, D. Murphy.

Located.—S. S. Gruber, W. W. Orris, C. S. Jennis.

Superannuated.—H. Gibson, L. C. Woodford, A. Bussey, J. H. M'Cutchin, I. I. Stewart, J. W. Maxon, Adam Miller, J. Q. Hammond. *Deceased*.—E. T. Coiner.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1862-63.

N. B.—Elders in *italics*; Deacons in SMALL CAPS.

KEOKUK DISTRICT—*L. T. Rowley*, P. E.

Keokuk, Chatham Square, *W. Denny*.
" Exchange Street, *C. G. Milnes*.
Farmington, *M. Miller*.
Keokuk Circuit, to be supplied,
Bentonsport, *A. W. Johnson*.
Winchester, *J. Hayden*.

Birmingham, *J. B. Hardy*.
Libertyville, *P. F. Holtzinger*.
Keosauqua, *Emory Miller*.
Troy, *G. W. Friend*.
Lebanon, *JOHN HAYNES*.
Vernon, to be supplied.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—*A. Robinson*, P. E.

Burlington, *E. H. Waring*.
Burlington Circuit, *O. C. Shelton*.
Fort Madison, *A. C. Williams*.
West Point, *J. G. Thompson*.
Salem, to be supplied.

New London, *A. W. Stryker*.
Dodgeville, *M. See*.
Kossuth, *G. N. Power*.
Wapello, *J. Craig*.
Grandview, *A. S. Prather*.

D. MURPHY, Chaplain of 19th Iowa Infantry. *S. Reynolds*, Agent of the American Bible Society in Illinois.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT—*J. Harris*, P. E.

Muscatine, *J. H. Power*.

Muscatine Circuit, *C. P. Reynolds*, J. B. CASE.

BEER.

Blue Grass, *W. Poston*.

West Liberty, *J. M. Coats*.

Richmond, *E. W. Twining*.

Washington, *H. W. Thomas*.

Lexington, *G. W. Bamford*.

Bethel, *H. RUNYON*.

North Liberty, *J. A. WILSON*.

Marengo, *J. T. Simmons*, S. H. THOMAS.

Millersburg, *T. Dixon*.

Pleasant Hill, *J. B. Hill*.

F. W. Evans, Chaplain of the 35th Iowa Infantry.

*MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT—*T. E. Corkhill*, P. E.

*Since Conference T. E. Corkhill has been appointed Chaplain of the 25th Regiment, Iowa Volunteers, and J. Q. Hammond has been appointed to the Mt. Pleasant District.

Mt. Pleasant, Asbury Chapel, *G. B. Jocelyn*, Brookville, *N. Wells*, J. B. Drayer.
 " University, to be supplied. Martinsburgh, *L. A. Smith*.
 " Circuit, *D. Worthington*. Brighton, *J. Burgess*.
 Marshall, *J. Darrah*. Agency, *W. Simpson*.
 Glasgow, *J. McDowell*. Fairfield, *E. L. Briggs*.
 Crawfordsville, *J. Gassner*, S. M. VERNON. Oakland, *J. H. White*.
C. Elliott, Editor of the Central Christian Advocate, and member of University Charge, Q. C.
W. J. Spaulding, Professor, and *I. A. Brudrick*, Agent of I. W. University. *P. F. Ingalls*,
 Chaplain of 3rd Iowa Cavalry. *A. J. Kirkpatrick*, Chaplain of 4th Iowa Cavalry.

ALBIA DISTRICT—*M. H. Hare*, P. E.

Albia, *W. C. Shippen*. Chillicothe *B. F. TALLMAN*.
 Centerville, *H. Crellin*. Hamilton, *T. Aulas*.
 Drakeville, *W. A. BYRKIT*. Bloomfield Circuit, *M. B. Wayman*.
 Bloomfield, *G. W. Byrkit*. Ottumwa, *G. H. Clark*.
 Bell Air, *T. D. Boyles*. Attica, *C. Morey*.
 Unionville, *C. A. Hawn*. Knoxville, *James Haynes*.
 Blakesburg, *F. H. Carey*. Melrose, *A. Orr*.
J. W. Latham, Chaplain of 1st Iowa Cavalry. *R. B. Allender*, Chaplain of 22nd Iowa
 Infantry.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—*W. F. Cowles*, P. E.

Oskaloosa, *I. P. Teter*. Galesburg, *M. Carrier*.
 Pella, *B. Holland*, S. F. C. *Garrison*. Peoria, to be supplied.
 Monroe, *C. W. Shaw*. Grinnell, *J. H. Lucas*.
 Red Rock, to be supplied. Mount-zuma, *A. C. Barnhart*.
 East Des Moines, *P. F. Bresee*. Sigourney, *A. Laubach*.
 Rising Sun, *J. Welch*. Indianapolis, *F. M. Slusser*.
 Greencastle, *G. Chumner*. Fremont, to be supplied.
 Newton, *S. Hestwood*. Eddyville, *B. Mark*.
J. E. Carey, transferred to W. Iowa Conference, and stationed at New York, Iowa. *L. M.*
VERNON, transferred to the Missouri and Arkansas Conference, and stationed at Simpson Chapel,
 St. Louis.

The next Conference is to be held at Newton, Jasper Co., Iowa.
 Time not given.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR 1863.

To examine Candidates for admission on trial; The Presiding
 Elder and Preacher-in-charge

Second Year—*B. Holland*, *G. H. Clark*, *J. Darrah*.

Third Year—*W. Simpson*, *C. G. Milnes*, *A. Laubach*.

Fourth Year—*E. L. Briggs*, *W. C. Shippen*, *E. W. Twining*.

To Examine for Local Deacon's and Elder's orders: The Presiding
 Elder and Preacher-in-charge.

To preach the Missionary Sermon; *G. B. Jocelyn*. Alternate; *H.*
W. Thomas.

To preach on the duties of the Christian Ministry; *T. E. Corkhill*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

E. H. Waring, Chairman and Vice President of the Sunday
 School Union.

Districts.	Ministers.	Laymen.
Keokuk,	<i>J. B. Hardy</i> ,	<i>D. Kauffman</i> ,
Burlington,	<i>A. W. Stryker</i> .	<i>John Moore</i> ,
Muscatine,	<i>H. W. Thomas</i> ,	<i>Dr. Goodnoe</i> ,
Mt. Pleasant,	<i>D. Worthington</i> ,	<i>Chas. Snyder</i> ,
Albia,	<i>G. W. Byrkit</i> ,	<i>C. G. Brobst</i> ,
Oskaloosa.	<i>I. P. Teter</i> .	<i>Philip Myers</i> .

REPORTS.

I. CONSTITUTION OF IOWA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Iowa Conference Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church.

2. The objects of this Society shall be the diffusion of missionary intelligence, the raising of means for the missionary cause, and the general promotion of the missionary interests within the bounds of this Conference.

3. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, and six Managers, who shall be elected annually; and a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Society, and hold their offices during its good pleasure.

4. An Annual Meeting shall be held at the seat of the session of the Iowa Conference, at a period during the session to be fixed by the Officers and Managers, at which the elections shall be held, the reports of collections, donations, and bequests throughout the Conference shall be made, suitable addresses shall be delivered, and an annual collection shall be taken in behalf of the cause.

5. The payment of five dollars at one time shall constitute the donor a life member of the Society, the payment of one dollar shall constitute the donor an annual member of the Society, and the payment of three dollars at one time shall constitute a child under fifteen years of age a juvenile member of the Society.

6. All monies raised by this Society, after deducting expenses, shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, to be appropriated for the purposes contemplated by the donors.

7. This Constitution shall be in force from and after the next session of the Iowa Annual Conference, and the elections of officers at the next annual meeting shall be made in accordance with its provisions.

II. ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The American Bible Society is, in our opinion, the most efficient means of giving to the masses the word of life. Notwithstanding its receipts have been curtailed, it has sent out more books during the last year than in any previous year; having issued 1,093,842 volumes, and printed 1,069,916 volumes. For eight months, beginning with April 1861, it printed at the rate of seven volumes per minute in working hours; making 800,000 volumes. These were issued in thirty-three languages. Since its organization the Society has issued 16,094,601 volumes. The donations of books last year reached \$51,570 67, an

increase of \$9,612 16 over any previous year. In addition the Society donated \$28,800 to print and circulate the Scriptures in Missionary fields. The books sent to Iowa last year amounted to 19,641 volumes; an increase of 2,200. The receipts from Iowa were \$2,730 28; a decrease of \$780,35.

By a systematic plan of operation some States have succeeded in doing much more than formerly, and much beyond those who have had no such system. Illinois has given, during the year, \$25,667 to the Society; being \$795 more than Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri. Some of the Northeastern counties of Ohio have, in the same way, quadrupled their contributions.

The Committee offer the following resolutions:

1. That we recommend that a plan, similar to the one referred to, be adopted in this State.
2. That we recommend the continuance of S. Reynolds in his present field of labor.
3. That we shall expect the Bible Agents to report to each pastor the amount contributed to the cause in their respective charges.

III. ON TEMPERANCE.

No Christian Minister can discharge his responsibilities fully without bearing faithful testimony against the great evil of intemperance; and we believe there is no crime in the North producing so much degradation and demoralization as this. *Therefore, Resolved—*

1. That we will bear faithful testimony against it from the pulpit, by preaching or lecturing upon it as often as we can accomplish good thereby.
2. That we will aid in the enforcement of the law prohibiting the traffic.
3. That the practice of furnishing grain to distillers is inconsistent with the christian character.
4. That we request all the members or Ministers of our Church who are or may become members of the Legislature to oppose all efforts to change the prohibitory for a licence system.
5. That the chewing and smoking of tobacco is a sensual and abominable practice, unbecoming the serenity of a philosopher, and the dignity of a christian, and degrading to a Minister.
6. That we admonish all our Ministers and members to keep themselves free from this great evil, and discard the use of tobacco in all its forms.

IV. ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

The demand of our soldiers for religious reading affords a most inviting opportunity to do good and to promote the religious welfare of this class of our countrymen. *Therefore resolved:—*

1. That we will do all in our power to raise means to procure tracts to supply those soldiers who have gone from within our Conference.

2. That the dissemination of the "Good News," and other Tract publications of the Church, demand of us prompt and efficient effort.

V. ON MINUTES OF 1861.

<i>Expenditures:</i> Printing, binding, etc.,.....	\$108 72	
Counterfeit money.....	2 00	
Postage.....	99	
Paper and twine.....	90	
Expressage and drayage.....	3 50—	\$116 11
<i>Receipts:</i> Keokuk District.....	9 00	
Burlington ".....	16 00	
Muscatine ".....	18 50	
Mt Pleasant ".....	16 00	
Albia ".....	10 00	
Oskaloosa ".....	14 50	
Conference Missionary Society.....	15 00	
Advertisements,.....	20 50—	119 50
Balance.....		\$3 39

VI. ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We find from the report of the S. S. Union that since 1846 the Iowa Conference has received \$4,236 more from the Union than it has contributed, and that only 9 out of 82 Charges gave collections for the Union last year. It is a point of honor to pay our debt to the Union. We offer the following resolutions:—

1. That the preachers be required to report in open Conference the amount raised for the S. S. Union; and, if nothing, the reason.

2. That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a Constitution for a Conference Sunday School Society to be organized next Conference, and a Board of five Managers to arrange for the S. S. Anniversary at the next session.

3. That we encourage the circulation of the S. S. Advocate and Teacher's Journal.

VII. ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Within the memory of men still living, God, in His providence, instituted for the people of the United States the best government on earth; guaranteeing religious freedom, civil liberty, and security in the enjoyment of the proceeds of honest industry.

This government was intrusted to the inhabitants for protection and preservation. At the beginning there existed in a number of the States, a system of domestic servitude, repugnant to the Declaration of

Independence, in violation of every principle on which the government was founded, as well as the plainest principles of the Christian religion, which it was hoped by the Father of his Country and compatriots, would be speedily terminated by the people of the States in interest respectively.

This expectation was realized in six or seven of the old States.—The slaveholders in the remaining slave States, regardless of the principles on which the government was founded, the instruction and earnest appeals of those who shed their blood in its defense, and the plainest principles of Christianity, impelled by a desire of gain and personal aggrandizement, banded together at an early period, to secure the perpetuity of slavery in the old States, and to extend it to the new ones, wherever climate and soil yielded a reward to industry sufficiently generous to permit its existence.

In pursuance of this design, they acquired the control of the local authorities in the respective States, denounced every effort, in church or State, to enlighten the minds of the slaves, or tending to their ultimate emancipation; proscribed every friend of these oppressed people as a fanatic, and ultimately acquired the control of the Federal government, extended slavery into nine new States, demanded its extension into California, attempted to carry it into Kansas by subterfuge, fraud and violence, and finally demanded its extension into all the territories of the nation, and its recognition and legal protection in the free States, when *in transitu*, or wherever the interest or inclination of the slaveholder prompted him to introduce his slaves during a temporary residence. They accompanied this last demand with a threat to dissolve the Union if it should not be promptly granted, or if the people should elect rulers supposed to be inimical to its fulfillment.

Knowing as they did, that the people of the free States could not and would not comply with this last demand, they began many years since to prepare for a conflict of arms, which they brought on while the government was completely under their control—including all its Departments, the President and his Cabinet, the Supreme Court and the Senate of the United States.

They thus organized the rebellion and made actual war on the United States, before the inauguration of the present Chief Magistrate, and before it became possible for any official act to be performed by the Executive, by the Courts, or by Congress inimical to their interests as citizens of Slave States. They made war because they could not control the Free States, boasting that if they could not preside in the temple, they could at least grapple the pillars and perish in its ruins—that if they could not govern the country, they could lay it waste.

This wicked and gigantic rebellion has overthrown ten States of the Union, and made terrible ravages in five others, it has essayed to organize a separate national government, and has organized immense

armies, which are still in the field beleaguering the Federal Capital, inundating loyal States and threatening the great commercial emporiums of the North and West.

It therefore becomes the duty of every Christian and patriot to make efforts commensurate with the emergency, for the defense of our country, and the preservation of our government, confided by providence to our keeping, in trust for our children.

We therefore submit the following resolutions for adoption:

1st. That our country can never have permanent peace while the great cause of this rebellion continues.

2nd. That as the friends of slavery, not content with its secure existence in the slave States, sought by fraud and force to nationalize and perpetuate it, its overthrow and annihilation would only be retributive justice.

3rd. That in laboring to preserve the government we are adopting the only visible means in our reach to secure freedom of conscience, civil liberty, security for life and property and the spread of the christian religion, and the civil and social elevation of a large part of the human family.

4th. That it is the duty of every christian minister to *preach* and *labor* and *pray* for the overthrow of this wicked rebellion; with all the zeal and energy and persistence with which he would oppose and labor to overthrow the cause of any other great crime.

5th. That we will advise our congregations, and especially the members of our church, to use every lawful means to suppress this worse than Absalom's rebellion, and to discountenance all who sympathize with its authors and abetors.

6th. That the President should use all the means God has placed in his hands to bring this war to a speedy close, on such principles as shall secure permanent peace; that for this purpose he may rightfully demand the services of *every able bodied man* our country furnishes, of every kind and race; and if, as Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, he shall issue a proclamation of universal emancipation, he will be sustained by the moral convictions and patriotism of the nation, will give a "great idea" to our armies, inspire them with sentiments of justice, will place us right before christendom, and simply treat the rebellious States as they deserve and expect to be treated: and we trust he may do this at no distant day, and we shall hail the act as the harbinger of universal victory.

7th. That we recognize the justice of God in the terrible and disastrous war with which He is afflicting the nation, and therefore respectfully petition the President of the United States to appoint a day for national Humiliation and Prayer, to be observed in the usual manner by the whole people, and their civil rulers, that the Chief Magistrate, his advisers, and the Congress which will soon convene, may perceive and know *His* guiding hand, may understand and do *His* will, that His anger may be turned away, our generals and armies may

be skillful and courageous—that victory may again perch upon our banners, and that their labor and toil may be speedily crowned by the restoration of the Union, and a permanent peace.

8th. That as ministers of the Gospel we will call upon our congregations to unite with us in praying with us, publicly and privately, for the Union, the prosperity of civil and religious freedom, the success of our armies in the field, and the continued triumph of our Navy; for the destruction of the cause of rebellion, for the preservation of our brave soldiers under arms, and their loved ones at home, and that the President, and those in authority, may be guided by Divine wisdom in the fulfillment of all their official duties.

VIII. ON PERIODICALS.

In reviewing the condition of our periodical literature we are grateful for its general success. We have to record, however, a marked dereliction on the part of the ministry in supporting the *Quarterly Review*. It should be read by every preacher, as well as by all our leading laymen. It is the cheapest first class Review in the world.—The *Central Christian Advocate* has been greatly restricted in its circulation by the presence of civil war in Missouri. This is an overwhelming reason for sustaining it, and more strenuous efforts should be made to support it by those whose territory war has not scourged. We offer the following resolutions:—

1. We most heartily endorse the course of the Editor of the *Central Advocate*.
2. That we deeply sympathize with those subscribers who have been compelled to desist from taking the paper.
3. That, in view of the falling off of subscribers in some localities, and the great importance of sustaining the paper, we hereby pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to increase the subscription list within our several charges.

IX. ON EDUCATION.

The report from the I. W. University represents the Institution in as prosperous a condition as could be looked for in the present state of the Country. We recommend the following resolutions:—

1. That the I. W. University deserves our confidence and unabated support.
2. That the Bishop be requested to appoint I. A. Bradrick Agent of the University.
3. That J. B. Hardy, E. Miller, J. Hayden, W. Dennet, H. W. Thomas, James Haynes, E. L. Briggs and A. Laubach be appointed Visitors.

4. That every member of this Conference be instructed to present, to the best of his ability, in each congregation of his work, the condition of the Iowa Wesleyan University, as early as practicable, and take up a collection therein to assist in defraying the current expenses of the University, for the collegiate year, 1862-63; and that he raise, if possible, an amount equal to an average of ten cents on the membership of his charge, and that he pay the amount collected to the Treasurer or Agent of the University: *Provided* that, should he fail, after his best effort to collect such average, he will not be held personally responsible for the amount.

5. That P. O. Gallaher, L. H. Stringfield, C. C. Stringfield, James Micklewalt, James Emerick, Isaac Kelly and C. Pitzer be appointed Trustees of Columbus Seminary.

X. PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the members of the M. E. Church within the bounds of the Iowa Conference, "elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ; Grace unto you and peace be multiplied."

Your faith and love are known unto us who have labored for you in the gospel, and our desire to minister unto you, and, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to "build you up in your most holy faith," and to have you strengthened and established by the power and grace of God, in all those things that are embraced in the Gospel of our blessed Savior, prompts us to send you this Pastoral epistle.

Never before in the history of our Church in this land, have we seen such times as the present. God in his justice, has permitted wicked and ungodly men to inaugurate a civil war for the purpose of overthrowing our government and establishing another one ostensibly and really founded in fraud and oppression. Our sins as a nation, which have been many and of the most aggravated character, and our corruptions and iniquities which have invaded and grown rank in every department of the nation, have wearied the patient, long suffering of God, and he is scourging us with the most terrible war ever visited upon a civilized people; and already do the wails of the broken-hearted from desolate homes answer each other as cries and echoes all over the land. One year ago we thought that his judgments would have caused the nation, ere this, to forsake its sins, break the yoke of the oppressed and remove corruption and corrupt men from places of power and high positions, and by thus securing the aid of God, put down the rebellion and restore peace to the land. In this we have been mistaken. Many, if not the greater number of the

corruptions still exist, the immediate cause of the war, is yet cherished and protected by the national arm, and God's fierce anger still desolates our fields, drives back our armies, wastes our resources, destroys the lives of our soldiers, and lacerates the hearts of every home. In such times, you have the right to expect that we, who have been placed over you by the Holy Ghost, to feed you as the body of Christ, shall give you some words of advice, or encouragement, or reproof, or exhortation. Suffer us then, for Christ's sake, to speak plainly yet kindly unto you.

This is no time for carelessness in regard to doctrine. The absorbing temporal interests of the hour, the imperative demands of the nation and the religious nature of true patriotism, are well calculated to seduce your hearts into the belief that patriotism, without which you cannot enjoy the smile of God, may be substituted for genuine experimental religion. Suffer not yourselves to be beguiled with any such delusion. "Repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ," are the only conditions of salvation. Without these you cannot be saved; without them you cannot even enter the "narrow way" that leads unto life eternal. In these fundamental doctrines, and Regeneration, the witness of the Spirit, and Sanctification all based upon the two great facts of the Gospel, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you must be fully and firmly grounded. Doctrines are the bases of faith and practice, As a man believes, so he is. He may seem otherwise, but his belief makes or unmakes him. See then that you and your families, more than ever before, maintain not only these but all the doctrines of the Church, and thus "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints."

This is no time for carelessness concerning your religious experience. What is my present, religious experience? not, what was it when I was converted? but what is it now? this moment? Am I "growing in grace?" Am I "leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ and going on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith towards God, of the doctrine of baptism and of laying on of hands and of resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgment?" Am I "laying aside every weight and the sin which so easily besets me, and running with patience the race that is set before me, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of my faith?" Does the "peace of God which passeth all understanding keep my heart and mind through Christ Jesus?" Am I "walking in the light as God is in the light, and have I fellowship with my brethren and does the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanse me from all sin?" Is my life "a life of faith—hid with Christ in God?" Do I enjoy daily in my heart the graces, and exhibit in my walk and conversation the fruits of the Spirit? These and many other

similar questions, suggested to every really converted heart by the frequent reading of God's word, may his Spirit press home upon your consciences. It will not do to be satisfied with generals in matters of religious experience, you must descend to particulars; you must see that your christian experience is evangelical and clear.

This is no time for weak faith in God. It is the nature and prerogative of true faith to strengthen as the obstacles increase in number and magnitude before it. The blind men only cried the more, when the multitude told them to be still. The Syrophenician woman only pressed the more earnestly and persistently to Christ, when she seemed repulsed by his disciples and by the words and manner of the Savior. The faith of Jairus, when told that his daughter was dead, clung more closely and tenaciously to the "ONLY BELIEVE" of the Savior, for it had naught else to lean upon, *for the child was dead.* If you lose your faith in God, what can you do? "Without faith it is impossible to please God," but by faith you can do all things. Faith is omnipotent in all things which God has promised, for "all things are possible to him that believeth." Faith is better than sight. Many who saw Jesus and the miracles he did, died and were lost; but never—never shall the one that has faith in Jesus perish. God has said so, and he has infinite resources and will exhaust them all ere a child of God living by faith shall fail of one of the smallest promises of the Father. "Have faith in God."

This is no time for neglecting the duties of religion. Let no apology but sickness, or some other providential hinderance, keep you from the preaching of God's word. It matters not who is the minister. You can learn something from the weakest of us. And, moreover, the house of God is the place to worship God, not the preacher. It is our duty to "preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." It is a sin to substitute anything else for preaching, even if that substitute be prayer. God has ordained each, and it is by the "foolishness of preaching that he is pleased to save them that believe." Go to the house of God, sincerely asking Him to be in his preached word by the Holy Ghost, and you will be blessed. We know that some professedly good men underrate the ministry and preaching; but God does not. And if there is a "woe upon us if we preach not the gospel," there will be a "woe" upon you also if you will not hear it.

Attend to your prayer-meetings. Not only one of you in ten, but all of you. Can you love God and not love the prayer circle? Can you maintain the "faith of the Son of God," in your souls and not be in the assembly where "prayer is wont to be made?" Can you keep up communion with God through Christ, by the Holy Ghost, and neglect social and secret prayer? Answer these ques-

tions on your knees before God, and his Spirit will soon convince you that the neglecter of the prayer-meeting and the closet, is also the neglecter of the Savior.

Never be absent from the class-room if you can avoid it. Attendance upon class was one of the conditions of your reception into full membership, without the fulfillment of which condition you ought not to have been received into full connection; and that one of us who received you without the fulfillment of this condition, if you were thus received, is guilty before God and the church of having violated his ordination vow. Your church covenant demands that you shall attend class; that covenant you voluntarily assumed. Is it not wicked to live in the open, voluntary violation of a church vow? We know class-meetings are peculiar to us, and so peculiar and essential that those of us who willingly neglect the class-room lose our religion. You cannot be good Methodists and neglect class-meeting; and recollect, that the spiritual (and consequently the temporal,) interests of the church always prosper most in those communities where the distinctive features of Methodism are held up before the world in the lives of our members.

Keep up your family altars. How frequently is it the case that haste, or a little business, or company, or the absence of the father prevents the offering up of the morning and evening sacrifice. What will your children think who thus see the family worship a matter of convenience to be laid aside for every trivial cause? One great lack of the church is family religion, religion at home with the wife and children, and the leading cause of this is, that family worship is neglected. We beseech you, in the name of our Master, to reform in this particular, and reform now, to-day. A christian household without a family altar is an impossibility!

This is no time for inconsistency in the members of the Church. "Ye are my witnesses," says the Lord. See that your testimony is for the Redeemer. The world expects you to be different from them; they have a right to expect it. You profess to be new creatures in Christ Jesus; let your conduct be new. You cannot be conformed to the world in your faith, or worship, or morals, or amusements, or spirit, and be the children of God. We beseech you not to bear false witness against the Savior, and thus "crucify him afresh." Let your acts be true to your profession.

Dedicate your children to God in baptism. Let not carelessness, nor the ridicule of the sinner, nor the sneer of those members of other denominations, who may differ from us on the doctrine of infant baptism, make you ashamed to baptize the little ones God has given you, "into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." By your membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church you say you believe in infant baptism.

Practice it. What right, if you are Christians, have you to possess an unbaptized household? Then, as your children grow up, teach them the duties and obligations of the baptismal covenant, and if you do your duty with them, they will not fail to be religious. God has said: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not,"—not, may not, perhaps—but "will not depart from it." Teach them the doctrines of our church; all of them. Do not profess a Christianity you are ashamed to teach your children. If you have a religion you cannot teach them, change it, and obtain one you can. Teach them, as rapidly as they are able to comprehend them, the evidences upon which your faith and doctrines rest, so that they may go out into the world able to maintain their Christian principles.

Attend constantly the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Many, very many of you neglect this ordinance. Christ has said: "Do this in remembrance of me." You positively refuse to obey him, and profess to love him. Christ has also said: "If a man love me he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings." You say you are unworthy. We are all unworthy. If we were not unworthy, penitent, believing sinners, we would have no right to come. You cannot keep your souls alive to God and live in the willful neglect of Christ's command.

Sustain all the Institutions of the Church. There is not one of them you can neglect and be guiltless. The Missionary Society, the Tract Society, the Bible Society, the Sunday School Union, the Fifth Collection, and our own Wesleyan University, all have claims upon your means, as well as your prayers. Sustain them from a principle of right and duty. At the commencement of the year make up your mind to give something, according to your several ability, to each one of these, and be sure and give it. Economize in your luxuries and your conveniences, but not in your contributions to the cause of God. Who of us gives one-tenth of his income? Will God accept less, as giving according to our ability.

Sustain your Minister. See that he has a comfortable home and enough to keep him from care and anxiety about the food and clothing of himself and family. He cannot successfully study, and visit, and preach when he is devising some way by which he can buy bread for the family. Ordinarily, it is not the work that breaks down a Minister, it is the worry, the anxiety of mind. Sustain them, not only by your means, and your prayers, but by your counsel and your sympathy. And this advice is the more needed now, as many of those who have hitherto been foremost to sustain the Minister are in the army. You that are at

home, although you have been backward heretofore, must now fill their places.

Guard well the reputation of your Minister and his family. If that be gone he is powerless to do good. He is but a man and his family are only human beings. They will all have faults. If these faults are prejudicial to his influence as a Minister, go to him and tell him kindly the facts in the case; but what else you may or may not do, do not gossip about him and them. You know how strong the temptation is to find fault and criticise.—Such conduct in the presence of your children, or before the unconverted, or even among the other members of the Church, will ruin the usefulness of any man the Bishop may send you. Neither talk, nor listen to gossip about your Minister or his family, nor about each other. Gossip is one of the sins of this age. Avoid it as you would the plague.

Let there be especial prayer everywhere at all times for our Country. From every prayer-meeting, and every family altar, and every closet in the Conference let God hear humble confession and earnest, fervent, faithful supplication for our distracted land. The hope of the nation is in its religious element. If this fails, the nation dies. Pray specifically that corrupt and unholy men may be removed from official, civil, or military positions, and that men who fear God and love their Country, may be put in their places; pray that the President and his constitutional counselors may be honest and faithful and loyal, and that they may have wisdom from God to ascertain the right, and grace to perform it; pray that our Generals and officers in the army and navy may be blessed of God and guided to victory, and that our soldiers and sailors may never turn back in the day of battle; pray that the sick and wounded soldiers may be especially favored of God; pray that the Christian soldier may maintain his integrity, that our camps may become vocal with prayer, and the songs of the newly converted, and that all our young men may be saved from the vices of camp-life; pray that those who have been bereaved may find comfort and consolation in the grace of God; pray that confusion may be poured upon all the machinations and devices of our enemies and their sympathizers at home and abroad, and that they may repent of their great wickedness; pray that the rebellion may be put down, the government maintained, the Union restored, and that peace and prosperity, justice and truth, righteousness and freedom may prevail in all our land. God will hear faithful prayer for our country, and although he is now sending upon us a baptism of blood, we shall come forth as a nation purified of all our national sins, and be stronger and more united and nobler than ever before.

Let especial prayer be made for a general and genuine revival of religion this year. We all need it, Ministers and people.

Let us all humble ourselves at the feet of the Savior, and ask for the outpouring of his Holy Spirit, that sinners may be convicted, mourners converted, believers sanctified, and the Church "built up in its most holy faith." Do you desire these blessings? They are all embraced in the promises of God, and, "What things soever you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them." Let not your faith waver, but as the Holy Ghost has taught us, say: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen."—"Peace be to you all, and love with faith from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

On behalf of the Committee,

G. B. JOCELYN.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF I. C. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Iowa Conference Missionary Society held its Anniversary in the M. E. Church, Washington, Iowa, Sept. 11th, 1862, Dr. Power in the Chair.

The services were opened by the Rev. Z. H. Coston.

The following persons were elected officers for the next year:

J. H. Power, D. D.	President.
O. C. Shelton,	Vice President.
W. J. Spaulding,	Secretary.
John Darrah,	Treasurer.

Revs. I. I. Stewart, J. Q. Hammond, J. Gassner, J. Burgess and B. Mark, Managers.

The Treasurer reported the amount of money collected during the past year for the Missionary cause, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONF. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Dr. To amount received from Circuits and Stations,	\$1579 24
" " " collected at Conference Anniversary,	41 31
" " " Dr. Elliott's Annual subscription,	1 00
Total	\$1621 55

Cr. By Am't paid L. Hitchcock,	\$1314 00
" " " forwarded to T. Carlton by Bishop Hamline,	75 00
" " " forwarded to Treasurer of Parent	

Society,	203 21	
Total,	\$1592 21	_____
Amount on hand,		\$35 34

J. DARRAH, Treasurer.

Eloquent addresses were delivered by the Rev. E. Miller and Dr. Elliott.

The following persons were made life members of the Parent Society: P. Myers and Mary Carson. Rev. L. L. Hamline made Mary R. Bradrick, Virginia Hamline and Amelia Penn life members of the Parent Society.

The following persons and S. Schools were constituted life members of the Conference Missionary Society: Mary E. Coiner; Lulu Penn, Beverly W. Coiner, E. T. Coiner, Martha Reynolds, C. P. Reynolds, Mary A. Fish, Susan Hayden, Sarah E. Story, Rev. F. M. Slusser, Rev. E. M. Moore, Mr. Bonnifield, C. Lawrence, Dr. C. Elliott, Bishop O. Baker, M. E. S. S. of Newton Station and M. E. S. S. of Oskaloosa Station.

The following persons were made life members of the Conference Missionary Society by L. L. Hamline: Annie B. Bradrick, Mary B. Bradrick, Charles Hamline Bradrick, Ellen Scales, Harriett Clark and Theodosia Hamline.

The collection taken up at the conclusion of the exercises amounted to \$41,34

W. J. SPAULDING, Sec'y.

DETAILED REPORT OF MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

[The figures to the left indicate the amounts paid by the persons whose names stand opposite to them. For the aggregate collections in those charges which sent up no detailed reports, see the Statistical Report. Brethren in making up these reports hereafter, cannot be too particular in getting the correct orthography of names, and in writing them very legibly. "Let all things be done decently and in order." Let us try to have full reports from all the Charges next year.—*Secretary.*]

KEOKUK DISTRICT—*Lebanon Circuit.*

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1 00	F. Robinson,	1.00	J. J. Miller,	1.00	John Steeves,
1.00	John Bell,	1.00	Elisha Morris,	1.00	C. Mort,
1.99	M. Vinson,	1.00	Cuthbert Vinson,	1.00	W. S. Groom,
1.00	Cath. Vinson,	1.00	Salina Bonner,	1.00	Seth Millington,
1.00	Wm. Swiers,	1.00	Joseph Freeman,	1.00	Joshua Rickett,
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50	John Swiers,	50	Jno. Brooks,	50	Henry Vinson,

50	Elbert Spencer,	50	M. A. Haynes,	50	Ann Smith,
50	Arsa Clark,	50	Nancy Brooks,	50	Elihu Powell,
50	Benj. Freeman,	50	Ira Millington,	50	Alden Lane,
50	Frank Cooley,	50	Wm. Creath,	50	C. W. Stephenson,
Smaller sums.....		\$3 42. Total.....		\$42 86	

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—*Old Zion Station.*

\$5 00	S. Shafer,	J. L. White,	Mrs. E. Clark,
3 00	S. Leebrick,	H. N. Park,	" M. Van Allen,
2 00	G. Sweney,	J. C. Mott,	" C. Sherfy,
1 00	J. Kirkpatrick,	W. E. Tomlinson,	Miss E. Candy,
	C. Dunham,	J. L. Smith,	" E. Grupe,
	J. Bennett,	Mrs. A. C. Ripley,	" M. J. Power,
50c	E. D. Finch,	" S. Stevens,	" L. E. Power,
	H. P. Morgan,	" J. Eaton,	W. R. M'Allister,
	M. M. Mozena,	" M. E. McGrew,	M. A. Weaver,
	G. Randall,	" M. A. Hillhouse,	
	U. Loper,	" M. N. Power,	
	W. H. Rice,		
	J. C. Power,		
Smaller sums.....		\$2 10. Total.....	
		\$34 61.	

New London Circuit.

\$5 00	Rev. A. W. Stryker,	D. Pierson,	W. E. Hamilton,
2 00	S. Goss,	A. Baxter,	Mrs. Mason.
1 00	Rev. J. Moore,	H. H. Still,	W. E. Hamilton,
	T. D. Armstrong,	J. Haines,	Mrs. Green,
75c	F. Northrop,	Mrs. Maynard,	" M'Donald,
50c	Mrs. Richards,	" Chandler,	
	" Bell,	" Gregory,	
	" Gregory,	Miss Richards,	W. Moore,
	" Newell,	" Hamilton,	F. A. Parriott.
	" Crew,	" Newell,	
Smaller sums.....		\$16 75. Total.....	
		\$50 00.	

Dodgeville Circuit.

50c	E. Howeson,	— Vandermark,	M. Burris,
Collections.....		\$13 50. Total.....	
		\$15 00.	

Kossuth Circuit.

\$3 00	R. Cox,	J. Bridges,
2 50	D. Thomas,	Mr. Montgomery,
2 00	Mrs. A. P. Dennet	
1 00	C. Haight,	Mrs. A. P. Dennet,
	A. Vannice,	" M. A. Cox,
	C. Hukle,	" Annie Cruce,
	M. Seeds,	" M. Robinson,
	W. F. Robinson,	" C. Davis,
	R. McMullen,	" C. Ray,
	Rev. W. Dennet,	Miss A. S. Mills,
	R. W. Hall,	G. Guiberson,
	J. Bruce,	
50c	T. E. Yost,	Mrs. E. Bridges,
	T. S. Hutchcroft,	" C. Bridges,
	Vincent Bridges,	" M. A. Robinson,
	M. Haight,	" C. Westfall,
	John Haight,	
	J. L. Yost,	
	E. Husted,	
	M. L. Peck,	
	W. McMullen,	
	T. Davis,	
	S. D. Coonrod,	
	T. B. Mills,	
	G. Rhodes,	
	E. K. B. Lord,	
	S. Bridges,	
	J. Johan,	

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J. C. Shepperd,	O. Belknap,	Miss J. Barns,
C. Robinson,	S. Fullenwider,	C. Frederick,
W. Williams,	J. Westfall,	C. O. Rankin.
Sundry amounts.....	\$30 50.	Total.....\$79 00.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—*Marengo Circuit.*

\$5 00	T. Chadwick,	Mrs. L. M. —	Miss H. D. Richardson
2 50	S. Drummond,	L. F. Wilson,	
2 00	Mrs. Reno,	Mary P. Lewis,	
1 50	J. R. McConnell,	S. Craft,	T. Middleworth,
	W. Rosencranz,	J. C. Gattis,	
1 25	J. Johnson,	C. Darr,	
1 00	W. D. Honens,	B. Nichols,	Adelia Clark,
	J. Mead,	N. B. Vinyard,	Miss J. Ross,
	L. Lanning,	T. Hench,	" S. M. Vanbuskirk,
	J. Richardson,	J. Bales,	Mrs. Scott,
	A. J. Richardson,	R. Manatt,	B. Hessee,
	N. Gwinn,	C. Rosencranz,	C. Comstock,
	J. H. Doughty,	R. H. Talbott,	D. L. Wilson,
60c	S. Winslow,		
50c	Adelia Mead,	Elleu Kepler,	H. Wilson,
	Mary Kepler,	Mrs. J. Whelock,	J. Hodges.
	Mr. Rednow,	John Wilson,	
Sundry amounts.....	\$14 80.	Total.....	\$74 40.

Washington Circuit.

\$2 00	Rev. B. Mark,	S. H. Haines,	
1 00	C. H. Wilson,	L. Quinn,	J. Malin,
	S. G. Owen,		
50c	L. S. Bradford,	A. Hiatt,	D. Kopp,
	Wm. Segner,	M. E. Elrod,	Irene Ballard.
	A. Mather,		
Sundry amounts.....	\$10 50.	Total.....	\$22,00

Lexington Circuit.

\$5 00	Sarah E. Story,		
1 00	J. D. Gardner,	J. Moore.	
50c	M. Cole,	L. E. Bradford,	T. McDonald,
	M. J. Hunter,	J. Tipton,	J. B. Slaughter,
Cash.....	\$1 10.	Total.....	\$11 10.

North Liberty Circuit.

\$1 00	Eliza Ault,	Margaret Crozier,	L. G. Wilson,
	Maria Wilson,	J. Wilson,	Henry Rutter.
Sundry amounts.....	\$10 70.	Total.....	\$16 70.

MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT—*Asbury Station, Mt. Pleasant.*

\$75,00	Bishop L. L. Hamline,		
5,00	Amelia Penn.		
Sundry amounts.....	\$58 80.	Total.....	\$138 80.

University Charge.

\$20 00	T. Whiting.		
10 00	Geo. Moore,	Margaret Moore,	
1 25	J. F. Moore,		
1 00	Mrs. Kirkpatrick,	Mrs. Robinson,	W. W. Pennington,
	T. Popham,	M. Thomas.	E. A. Gibbs,

	S. P. Baker,	A. Lee,	
50c	Mrs. Simmons,	Mrs. Gibbs,	Mrs. Warren,
	Mrs. Coleman,	W. H. Umstot,	C. Pardee,
	W. Vanosdol,	C. Ives,	D. W. Scott,
	A. M. Divitt,	Mrs. Pennington,	Mrs. Baker.
Smaller sums.....		\$8 35.	Total .....\$63 60.

Mt. Pleasant Circuit.

\$2 50	M. Bayles,	Mrs. Maggie Bayles,	
2 00	Rev. W. H. Corkhill,		
1 00	Rachel Payne,	Rev. W. F. Lehew,	Mrs. E. West,
	A. Yancey,	" J. B. Vernon,	" W. M. Spry,
	J. C. Courtney,	Mr. B. W. Spry,	" M. A. Hare,
	W. F. Tovera,	Miss L. Gibson,	" J. Hare,
	J. W. Spry,	" A. Bogue,	" A. B. Bruce,
			Miss C. Corkhill,
50c	J. D. Smith,	J. Gardner,	Mrs. E. Vernon,
	James Yancey,	J. L. Worthington,	" M. P. Vernon,
	Rev. C. McLean,	J. M. Wilson,	" E. Spearman,
	Mr. N. Barns,	A. T. Auld,	" C. Moorehead,
	J. Houseman,	J. Moorehead,	" I. Spearman,
	E. Coiner,	Capt. J. Spearman.	" N. P. Wilson,
	R. Verden,	E. E. Spry,	" E. J. Wolf,
	J. Vernon,	J. Kaufman,	" L. Kenyon,
	Rev. H. C. Tallman,	Wm. Kueen,	Miss L. Hagenbach,
	Master W. Tallman,	L. J. Kueen,	C. F. Kueen,
	J. A. Kueen,	M. M. Kueen,	E. Kenyon.
	J. Kenyon, Jr.		
Sundry amounts.....		\$6 24.	Total.....\$51 00.

Glasgow Circuit.

Glasgow, E. Gillham \$1,00; cash \$1,30. Heaton's \$2,00. Salina \$2,25. Richwoods, Class No. 1, Miss L. Hendricks, *Collector*, \$3,75. Class No. 2, Miss A. L. Green, *Collector*, J. Garbo, Dr. Green, P. Green, Thos. Allender, A. Green, N. Green. Miss L. Green, and H. Teter, each 50 cts., cash 50 cts. M'Carty's, Miss H. Devecmon, *Collector*, S. Sampson \$1,40, G. W. Devecmon \$1,00, J. McCarty 53 cts., cash 97 cts. Total \$23,00.

ALBIA DISTRICT—Attica Circuit.

\$5 00	Virgil Roberts,		
1 00	D. Sherwood,	Rev. D. T. Sweem.	J. M. Cathcart,
	Thos. McMillan,	Jas. Stribling,	John Mark,
	Rev. Wm. Reed,		
50c	A. B. Rankin,	Alex. May,	John Essex,
	Collins Jolliffe,	— Jolliffe,	J. F. Rouze,
	Melissa Jolliffe,	Wesley Forsyth,	Anna Rouze,
	F. Manhart,	John Waln,	Hannah Arnold.
	Jackson Hannah,		
Smaller sums.....		\$26 85.	Total.....\$45 35.

Chillicothe Circuit.

\$1 00	A. Stevens,		
60c	Mrs. S. E. Byrkit,		
50c	D. G. Heacock,	J. Conwell,	N. Neighbor.
Sundry amounts.....		\$9 50.	Total.....\$12 60.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—*Oskaloosa Station.*

\$2 00	Philip Myers,		
1 00	Hon. J. R. Needham, B. Glaze,	G. Rowland,	
	S. B. Ellis, A. Kemble,	Mrs. H. Bussey,	
	Silas Scott, J. W. Faxon,	" W. F. Cowles,	
55c	Robt. Kinsman, T. J. SeEVERS,	Andrew Kinney.	
50c	J. W. Murphy,		
S. S. Box collections..\$12 07. Sundry amounts..\$9 78. Total..\$35 00.			

Of the above \$25 was raised by the Sabbath School; \$20 to make P. Myers, Esqr., Superintendent, a Life Member of the Parent Society; and \$5 00 to make the Oskaloosa M. E. S. School a life member of the Conference Missionary Society.

Rising Sun Circuit.

\$2 50	L. Haste,		
1 05	J. J. Erests,		
1 00	Irene Holcomb,	J. Noble,	Wm. Birch,
75c	A. Bringolf,		
50c	S. S. Jones, J. E. Bishop,	J. B. Tiffin,	
	J. M. Griffith, Jas. Crabtree,	M. Noble,	
	J. M. Cree, S. C. Miller,	Mary Saylor.	
	T. Cree.		
Sundry amounts.....\$8 00. Total.....\$21 00.			

Monroe Circuit.

\$2 50	Rev. J. A. Tool,		
1 25	" J. B. Keeler,		
1 00	J. Bruth,	J. Butter,	B. Elwood,
	W. Johnson,	J. Hukey,	N. Caple.
	S. E. Dowler,		
Total.....\$10 25			

Eddyville Circuit.

\$5 00	Mary A. Fish,		
Sundry amounts.....\$10 85. Total.....\$15 85.			

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

		CLAIMS.					PAYMENTS.						
Charges.	Preachers,	Preach- ers allow- ance.	Travel'g & mov'g Expen's	Rent.	Presid'g Elders claim.	Total Claims	Preach- ers allow- ance.	On Expen- ses.	Rent.	To Pre- siding Elder.	Total Pay- ments,	Defic- iencies.	Collect'd for I. W. Univ'ty.
Keokuk District,	L. T. Rowley, P. E.	\$650					\$511					\$128	
" Exchange St.,	Charles G. Milner,	250			30	\$280	250			\$30	\$280		55
" Chatham Square,	J. B. Hardy,	600			50	650	450			32	482	167	
Keokuk Circuit,	M. See,	500			79	570	204			26	231	338	
Farmington,	A. W. Johnson,	386	16	42	55	480	166	16	16	30	228	251	
Bentonsport,	S. S. Gruber,	557			43	400	217			42	260	139	
Winchester,	John Hayden,	452	12	36	50	550	352	12	36	40	440	110	
Birmingham,	J. Gassner,	400			83	483	400			83	483		
Libertyville,	C. A. Hawn,	350	5		55	410	214	5		32	252	158	
Keosauqua,	L. M. Vernon,	233			48	281	233			48	281		
Troy,	G. W. Friend,	451			83	534	386			71	457	66	5 00
Lebanon,	John Haynes,	380		36	48	414	279		36	43	359	54	
Vernon,	M. Miller.	360	30		45	435	174			32	216	218	
		\$5299	\$63	\$114	\$660	\$5487	\$3850	\$33	88	\$511	\$3972	\$1604	\$5 55

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Burlington District,	A. Robinson, P. E.	628	12	72	.....	.....	458	1	72	.....	.....	179	.....
" Old Zion,	J. H. Power,	500	.....	.....	90	590	275	.....	.....	42	317	267	.....
" Ebenezer,	E. Miller,	500	.....	.....	40	540	219	.....	.....	21	280	259	.....
Burlington Circuit,	J. H. Power, 3 mo.	725	.....	.....	80	805	491	.....	.....	4	545	259	3 30
	N. Wells, 9 "												
	B. F. Tallman,												
Fort Madison,	A. C. Williams,	40	.....	.....	55	455	400	.....	.....	54	440	15	.....
West Point & Denmark	J. G. Thompson,	400	.....	.....	65	465	238	.....	.....	46	335	129	.....
Salem,	O. G. Shelton,	450	4	48	60	562	275	4	48	36	363	198	.....
New London,	A. W. Stryker,	500	4	.....	80	584	468	4	.....	68	541	42	1 25
Dodgeville,	A. S. Prather,	325	.....	36	50	411	275	.....	36	43	354	57	6 00
Kossuth,	W. Dennett,	500	.....	.....	70	570	500	.....	.....	70	570	.....	6 40
Wspello,	D. Murphy,	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	.....	.....	.....
Grandview,	G. N. Power,	400	12	50	60	522	367	12	50	54	483	38	2 00
Chaplain State Prison,	H. W. Thomas,	500	.....	.....	.....	500	500	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....
		\$5828	\$32	\$206	\$710	\$6004	\$4559	\$22	\$206	\$532	\$4731	\$1268	\$17 95

NINETEENTH SESSION IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
STEWARDS' REPORT.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Charges.	Preachers.	CLAIMS.					PAYMENTS.						
		Preach- rs allow- ance	Travel'g & mov'g Exp n's	Rent.	Presid'g Eld.'s claim.	Total Claims.	Preach- rs allow- ance.	On Ex- penses.	On Rent	To Pre- siding Elder.	Total Pay- ments.	D. & C. ciende.	Collect'd for I. W. Univ'ity
Muscatine District,	John Harris,	\$550					447					102	
" Station,	F. W. Evans,	500			5	500	500			50	500		
" Circuit,	C. P. Reynolds,	500			70	570	500			70	570		2 00
Blue Grass,	W. Posson,	4 00			65	765	248			29	434	330	
" "	W. W. Orris,	800					155						
West Liberty,	J. H. McCutchen,	825	16	66	50	757	146	16	21	18	328	428	
" "	F. Ward, supp'y,	300					127						
Richmond,	J. B. Hill,	425		30	55	660	300		30	40	474	186	
" "	J. B. Casebeer,	150					104						
Washington,	B. Mark,	400	28	70	50	548	323	28	58	45	455	92	1 50
Lexington,	G. W. Bamford,	390	10		35	435	333			30	363	66	
Bethel,	E. W. Twining,	300		25	30	355	300		25	30	355		
North Liberty,	J. R. Carey,	500	16	30	40	586	363		30	30	428	157	65
Ainsworth,	S. H. Thomas,	100			25	125	93			24	117	8	1 15
Talleyrand,	J. Craig,	350	9			359	110				100	259	
Marengo,	J. T. Simmons,	500			50	550	500			50	550		
" "	J. A. Wilson,	350		50			350		50				
Millersb'gh, & Dresden,	J. Elrod,												
" "	J. M. Coats,	125			30	155	108			30	188	17	
		\$6465	\$79	\$271	\$50	\$6765	\$5009	\$14	\$214	\$447	\$5219	\$1546	\$5 30

MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.

Mt. Pleasant District,	T. E. Corkhill,	627					487					140	
" Asbury,	I. A. Bradrick,	625		6	80	765	675		60	80	765		14 31
" University,	G. B. Jocelyn,	340	15		35	350	300	15		85	350		5 00
Mt. Pleasant Circuit,	D. Worthington,	487	12	50	75	625	340	12	40	51	419	175	4 00
" "	J. Q. Hammond,												
Marshall,	J. H. White,	445			55	500	231			32	283	216	
Crawfordsville,	P. F. Holzinger,	3 0		60	50	700	232		60	50	555	144	6 60
" "	John Orr,	210					212						
Rome,	S. M. Vernon,	150			15	165	150			15	165		1 80
Brighton,	John Burgess,	450	6		50	500	250	6		80	287	222	4 50
Fairfield,	E. L. Briggs,	500			62	562	395			50	446	116	4 90
Brookville,	J. B. Drayer,	850	7	24	50	431	2 3	7	24	27	262	169	
Agency City,	Wm. Simpson,	450	10		55	515	450			55	515		
Martinsburg,	H. Runyon,	815		31	40	835	252		30	28	281	13	
Glasgow,	John Darragh,	432			60	885	170			27	343	54	2 80
" "	J. McDowell,	343					140						
		\$6114	\$51	\$225	\$627	\$6384	\$4417	\$41	\$214	\$487	\$4704	\$1690	\$4281

ALBIA DISTRICT.

Charges.	Preachers.	CLAIMS.					PAYMENTS.						
		Preach- ers allow- ance.	Travel'g & mov'g Expen's.	Rent.	Presid'g Elder's Claim.	Total Claims.	Preach- ers allow- ance.	On Expen- ses.	On Rent	To Pre- siding Elder.	Total Paym'ts.	Defici- encies.	Collect'd for I. W. Univ'ty.
Albia District,	M. H. Hare,	700					478						
Albia,	James Haynes,	400	13		50	463	296	13		50	478	221	
Centerville,	C. Morey,	500			50	550	253			29	359	108	
Draksville,	W. C. Shippen,	380			50	430	189			25	283	266	73
Bloomfield Station,	T. Audas,	350	13	37	56	456	183	13	37	33	267	216	
Bell Air,	T. D. Boyles,	400	12	36	50	498	192	12	36	30	270	189	
Unionville,	H. Crellin,	335	3		50	388	192			30	270	228	
Blakesburg,	W. Mahon,	175			50	225	254	3		38	295	93	
Chillicothe,	W. A. Byrkit,	300	5	36	45	386	117			30	147	78	1 48
Hamilton,	L. A. Smith,	450			50	500	200	5	22	31	258	127	3 00
Ottumwa,	W. J. Spaulding,	420	12	80	50	562	825			30	355	145	1 00
Attica,	G. W. Byrkit,	341	8		55	404	279	12	60	34	355		18 00
Knoxville,	R. B. Allender,	500		40	50	590	246	8	42		296	108	
Melrose,	A. Orr,	350	12	25	40	427	270		20	30	320	269	
Bloomfield Circuit,	M. B. Wayman,	349	13	37	56	456	176	4		38	218	209	35
							191	13	37	33	274	182	
		\$5950	\$92	\$292	\$702	\$6336	\$3652	\$83	\$254	\$482	\$3944	\$2215	\$24 5.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Oskaloosa District,	W. F. Cowles, P. E.	8 5					721				721	93	
" Station,	E. H. Waring,	500	6		30	536	500	6		80	586		40 96
Pella,	A. C. Barnhart,	360	40	40	40	480	236	40	40	30	346	133	
Newton,	S. Hestwood,	500	22		60	582	500	22		60	582		2 40
Monroe,	O. W. Shaw,	450			60	510	450			60	510		1 85
Red Rock,	S. F. C. Garrison,	400			30	430	300			25	325	105	
East Des Moines,	Turner, supply,	300			40	340	300			40	341		
Rising Sun,	M. Carrier,	330			60	440	300			50	350	90	
Green Castle,	Geo. C. Clammer,	387	13		40	447	387	13		40	440		
Galesburg,	P. F. Bresee,	387		20	40	440	380	20		40	410		
Peoria,	J. Welch,	360			40	400	360			40	400		
Grinnell,	C. S. Jennis,	800	10	35	40	355	300	10	35	40	385		
Montezuma,	A. Laubach,	650	20	30	50	750	405			45	480	269	
Sigourney,	I. P. Teter,	500		60	70	630	324		60	54	438	191	
Indianapolis,	I. I. Stewart,	350			45					13			
Fremont,	G. H. Clark,	373	13	30	40	456	190	10	30		259	197	
Eddyville,	B. Holland,	465	7	48	80	660	465	7	48	80	600		10 25
		\$7477	\$181	\$263	\$816	\$7476	\$6119	\$128	\$243	\$731	\$6184	\$936	\$55 46

STATISTICS FOR 1862.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	For Conference Claimants	For Missionary Society	For Tract Society	For Bible Society	For Sunday School Union	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.	Volumes in Library	
Keokuk, Chatham Sq	128	...	...	1	1	5	1	\$15 000	...	\$...	\$...	\$14 00	\$...	\$...	\$...	1	13	135	350
“ Exchange St.	135	12	20	...	3	22	1	3 000	...	...	...	6 00	...	...	...	1	23	203	487
“ Circuit,	240	...	...	4	...	...	2	1 800	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Farmington,	156	2	17	1	...	2	1	800	...	...	...	3 40	...	...	...	2	18	100	400
Bentonsport,	110	1	5	2	3	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	45	160
Winchester,	140	...	1	...	...	...	2	1 500	...	...	5 12	23 50	...	3 09	...	4	20	250	250
Birmingham,	305	1	22	4	7	11	3	1 500	1	3 00	3 05	43 23	...	...	...	4	34	195	367
Libertyville,	177	1	33	6	3	3	2	5 00	1	200	...	2 75	...	...	...	3	40	229	550
Keosauqua,	140	1	20	2	...	...	1	1 000	1	500	...	...	...	...	...	1	18	150	250
Troy,	287	4	30	4	4	11	1	800	1	400	7 56	10 50	...	...	...	7	75	299	905
Vernon,	138	1	...	1	2	...	1	1 500	...	...	5 00	12 60	...	...	...	1	10	35	80
Lebanon,	178	4	11	1	20	15	1	800	1	250	7 00	42 86	...	...	...	3	39	163	336
Total,	2134	27	159	26	43	75	17	\$28 200	5	\$1 650	\$27 73	\$158 84	...	\$3 00	...	28	299	1 807	4 135	

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Burlington, Old Zion,	146	3	24	...	...	2	1	\$ 6 000	1	\$1 200	8 00	\$34 60	\$...	\$...	\$...	1	20	223	500
" Ebenezer,	111	4	3	...	...	...	1	12 000	...	...	5 00	...	...	6 55	...	1	15	150	450
" Circuit,	847	3	7	1	11	6	3 1/2	3 500	...	...	2 00	26 65	...	...	...	7	62	300	700
Fort Madison,	110	2	6	...	4	2	1	1 500	...	...	...	5 00	...	...	...	1	14	80	300
West Point,	120	1	2	...	9	...	1	1 000	1	500	...	8 25	...	...	...	1	18	85	400
Salem,	262	6	18	9	8	2	2	1 100	...	...	...	6 60	...	...	...	3	28	250	575
New London,	316	1	9	6	30	20	2	1 500	1	250	7 00	50 00	...	...	...	4	59	363	666
Dodgeville,	128	3	...	...	...	5	1	1 200	1	200	2 00	15 00	...	...	...	2	2	80	700
Kossuth,	228	4	15	...	4	11	2	3 500	1	600	13 00	79 01	\$1 00	...	1 00	4	44	220	520
Wapello,	145	...	...	1	12	...	2	3 000	...	...	70	9 00	...	35	...	2	28	93	270
Grand View,	221	...	22	5	1	1	1	600	...	...	10 00	32 00	...	...	...	2	20	200	500
Total,	2 133	27	106	22	79	49	17 1/2	\$34 900	5	\$2 750	\$47 70	\$266 10	\$1 00	\$6 88	\$1 00	29	328	2002	5581

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	For Conference Claimants	For Missionary Society	For Tract Society	For Bible Society	For Sunday School Union	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library
Muscatine,	200	2	.....	5	15	20	1	\$5 000	.....	\$	.....	\$ 29 00	.....	.....	.....	1	21	2 2	500
" Circuit,	301	2	23	4	11	15	2	2 000	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	\$ 2 50	.....	8	29	469	1112
Blue Gr's & Oak Dale,	155	3	9	4	2	9	3	3 000	1	600	200	9 00	.....	.....	.....	3	21	130	400
West Liberty,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richmond,	271	2	26	2	20	28	3	2 400	.....	.....	250	46 06	.....	.....	.....	5	61	260	400
Washington,	142	2	7	1	2	10	1	4 000	.....	.....	300	22 00	.....	30 00	.....	1	15	120	400
Lexington,	113	1	10	3	.....	9	1	400	1	25	110	11 10	.....	.....	.....	4	34	255	350
Bethel,	120	2	.....	3	4	20	2	800	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	3	24	155	225
North Liberty,	95	.....	2	.....	1	13	1	800	.....	.....	.....	16 70	.....	.....	.....	2	17	70	180
Ainsworth,	80	1	8	3	3	17	1	150	.....	.....	120	15 55	.....	.....	.....	2	9	49	275
Talleyrand,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marengo,	237	4	10	1	8	12	3	4 000	1	400	500	74 40	.....	.....	.....	4	24	260	600
Millersburgh,	110	1	5	.....	.....	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total,	1824	20	100	26	66	153	19	\$22 750	3	\$1 250	\$1 480	\$343 61	.....	\$32 50	.....	83	315	1980	4442

MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.

Mt. Pleasant, Asbury,	370	2	12	7	6	10	1	\$ 15 000	1	\$ 800	\$7 00	\$138 50	\$3 30	\$10 00	\$3 60	1	38	275	775
" University,	180	2	8	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 16	68 60	2 46	3 90	2 11	1	19	100	350
" Circuit,	450	6	5	8	.....	10	4	4 500	.....	.....	1 40	51 00	.....	.....	1 85	5	53	344	859
Marshall,	190	4	2	2	4	5	2	1 600	1	600	2 00	15 00	.....	3 00	3 00	5	30	175	600
Crawfordsville,	435	2	44	3	24	23	3	3 000	.....	.....	6 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	10	104	544	1705
Rome,	180	1	20	1	.....	.....	1	1 500	.....	.....	2 15	13 75	.....	.....	.....	3	25	110	250
Glasgow,	327	6	29	4	6	10	4	2 400	1	200	1 15	23 00	85	100 00	1 00	6	66	361	710
Brighton,	210	1	6	3	12	10	3	2 500	1	400	3 35	18 00	.....	.....	.....	3	30	130	500
Fairfield,	248	2	18	2	3	5	1	2 800	1	700	1 98	21 45	.....	.....	.....	1	35	191	320
Brookville,	331	4	34	2	4	3	4	2 500	.....	.....	6 13	17 00	2 55	5 13	2 55	0	72	425	750
Agency City,	337	4	20	5	16	7	3	4 000	1	1 000	.....	26 30	.....	.....	.....	4	55	292	777
Martinsburg,	118	1	43	1	2	10	2	1 800	.....	.....	15 35	15 00	.....	.....	.....	3	34	165	500
Total,	3926	35	246	42	77	95	28	\$41 600	6	\$3 700	\$52 67	\$437 60	\$9 16	122 03	\$13 61	43	561	3112	8096

ALBIA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	Churches	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants	For Missionary Society	For Tract Society	For Bible Society	For Sunday School Union	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library
Albia,	152	4	7	3	.....	5	1	\$ 500	1	\$ 600	\$ 3 42	\$ 11 00	.....	\$	.....	3	21	160	340
Centreville	278	3	7	5	3	11	1	500	1	500	77	22 25	.....	.....	.....	2	22	115	190
Drakesville,	160	4	.....	4	1	.....	2	750	2	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	50	200
Bloomfield,	120	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	500	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1	9	60	300
Belle Air,	236	2	35	7	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	2	8	40	100
Unionville,	288	5	23	4	12	7	2	1 400	1	400	50	6 00	.....	.....	.....	3	19	120	300
Blakesburg,	164	.....	21	1	3	1	4	2 000	.....	.....	.....	4 70	.....	.....	.....	4	30	150	400
Chillicothe,	146	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	500	.....	.....	1 00	12 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield Circuit,	380	3	11	6	11	6	3	2 300	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	108	200
Ottumwa,	125	1	28	.....	.....	.....	1	6 000	.....	.....	2 15	34 79	.....	7 75	.....	2	13	50	400
Attica,	297	4	35	5	.....	15	2	2 000	1	200	2 50	45 35	.....	.....	.....	5	45	220	220
Knoxville,	184	5	18	3	7	8	1	5 000	.....	.....	1 00	12 75	.....	.....	.....	1	26	163	642
Melrose,	193	1	32	4	4	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 15	.....	.....	.....	2	29	120	60
Total,	2670	38	222	41	41	67	10	\$ 3 750	6	\$ 1 900	\$ 16 34	\$ 186 00	.....	\$ 7 75	.....	27	253	1356	3352

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Oskatoosa,	312	2	25	3	.....	2	1	\$3 000	1	\$850	\$20 00	\$ 35 00	.....	\$19 50	.....	1	29	200	500
Pella,	153	2	13	.....	6	.....	1	500	.....	.....	5 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	3	34	154	200
Monroe,	175	1	3	3	3	1	1	800	1	500	20 00	10 75	.....	.....	.....	1	9	180	.....
Red Rock,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1 500	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Des Moines,	91	.....	17	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rising Sun,	285	5	43	8	11	7	3	2 2 0	1	.....	4 50	21 00	.....	.....	.....	4	30	150	175
Greencastle,	154	2	33	2	15	30	1	.....	1	300	10 00	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newton,	190	2	44	.....	26	3	1	2 000	1	700	10 15	36 00	.....	83 00	.....	1	17	80	300
Galesburg,	156	2	65	3	6	18	.....	.....	1	250	9 03	16 50	.....	.....	.....	5	40	130	300
Peoria,	191	2	33	3	10	12	1	300	1	200	75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2	20	70	200
Grinnell,	160	.....	10	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	93	100
Montezuma,	120	1	19	3	3	9	1	2 000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	90	150
Sigourney,	240	5	.....	2	5	.....	2	1 500	2	500	.....	5 63	.....	.....	.....	3	25	125	150
Indianapolis,	240	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	75	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	2	20	100	250
Fremont,	187	1	10	1	5	.....	2	2 000	.....	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	3	26	110	140
Eddyville,	374	3	5	7	15	23	2	1 300	.....	.....	23 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	6	36	300	1100
Total,	8028	29	320	41	105	115	17	\$17 100	10	\$3 375	107 43	\$ 181 98	.....	\$52 50	.....	38	301	1512	3565

AGGREGATE STATISTICS.

	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults.	Children	Churches.	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	For Conference Claimants	For Missionary Society	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society	For Sunday School Union	Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library
Total this Year,	15118	176	1153	204	411	554	117½	\$168 300	85	14 625	261 67	1,574 13	\$10 16	224 66	\$14 61	203	2057	12079	29171
Total last Year,	17036	134	1849	221	631	756	121½	75 850	34	16 400	171 48	1,292 17	12 50	253 50	31 01	233	2266	13614	85338
Increase, Decrease,	1917	42	696	17	220	2	4½	\$7 550	1	\$1 775	\$90 19	\$371 96	\$2 34	\$28 84	\$7 40	30	209	1535	6167

Whole Number of Members this year, 15118 ; whole number of Probationers this year, 1153 ; whole number of Local Preachers this year, 204 ; Total, 16475.
 Aggregate last year,.....19106. Aggregate Decrease,.....2631.

G. N. POWER, *Statistical Secretary*

P. S. Owing to the absence of the Pastors, or other causes, there were no returns made from West Liberty, Talleyrand, Hamilton and Red Rock Circuits. These reported last year 680 members, probationers and Local Preachers ; which, supposing their numbers remain as then, leaves the aggregate decrease of the Conference 1951.—[Secretary.

AGGREGATE OF STEWARD'S REPORT.

	Preachers' Allowance	Presiding Elders' Claim	Traveling and Moving Expenses	Rent.	Total Claims
Total Claims.....	\$33 069	\$4 065	\$420	\$1 371	\$38 450
Total Payments.....	24 446	3 142	853	1 220	29 055
Total Deficiencies.....	\$8 623	\$ 923	\$97	150	\$9 400

The average total receipts of the Presiding Elders and Preachers on the Districts severally, excluding House Rent and Traveling and Moving expenses, were as follows:—

Oskaloosa District,	(81.84 per cent.).....	\$359 95.	Mt. Pleasant District,	(72.24 per cent.).....	\$294 47.	
Burlington "	(78.22 per cent.).....	32 570.	Albia "	(61.38 per cent.).....	243 49.	
Muscatine "	(77.49 per cent.).....	278 32.	The average throughout the Conference was (74.05).....			266 45.
Keokuk "	(72.64 per cent.).....	296 15.	Total collected for Iowa Wesleyan University.....			\$151 63.

ROLL OF IOWA CONFERENCE FOR 1862-3.

Superannuates in *italics*. All the Post Offices are in Iowa, except where otherwise stated.

NAMES.	Post Office Address.	Entered the Itinerancy.	Conference first joined.	Date of membership in Iowa C.
Bishop, O. C. BAKER,	Concord, N. H.,	....	.....	....
Sec'y, E. H. WARING,	Burlington,	....	.....	....
<i>Isaac I. Stewart,</i>	Oskaloosa,	1836	Illinois.	1844
William Simpson,	Agency City,	1837	do	do
David Worthington,	Mt. Pleasant,	1840	Rock River.	do
Joshua B. Hardy,	Birmingham, Van Buren Co.	1842	do	do
John Hayden,	Winchester, " " "	1841	do	do
<i>Joseph W. Maxon,</i>	Mt. Pleasant,	1843	do	1845
Allen W. Johnson,	Bentonsport, Van Buren Co.	"	do	do
<i>Hugh Gibson,</i>	Mt. Pleasant,	1844	Iowa.	1846
Michael See,	Dodgeville, Des Moines Co.	1845	do	1847
1 Michael H. Hare,	Albia, Monroe Co. <i>Illinois</i>	"	do	do
John Harris,	Summit P. O., Muscatine Co.	"	do	do
Edward W. Twining,	Richmond, Washington Co.	1846	do	1848
Joseph M'Dowell,	Mt. Pleasant,	1833	Ohio.	1849
<i>James Q. Hammond,</i>	Mt. Pleasant,	1847	Iowa.	do
<i>Lucas C. Woodford,</i>	Tipton, Cedar Co.	1848	do	1850
William F. Cowles,	Oskaloosa,	1843	Michigan.	1851
Francis H. Carey,	Blakesburg, Wapello Co.	1837	Indiana.	do
Loveland T. Rowley,	Keosauqua,	1850	Iowa.	1852
Orville C. Shelton,	Burlington,	1836	Ohio.	do
2 James H. White,	Mt. Pleasant, <i>(in the army)</i>	1837	Pittsburgh.	1853
Elias L. Briggs,	Fairfield.	1857	Iowa.	do
3 Thomas E. Corkhill,	(In the Army.)	"	do	do
4 Francis W. Evans,	(In the Army.)	"	do	do
George H. Clark,	Ottumwa,	"	do	do
Lawson A. Smith,	Martinsburgh, Keokuk Co.	"	W. Virginia	1854
John Darrah,	Marshall, Henry Co.	1852	Iowa.	do
Peter F. Holtzinger,	Libertyville, Jefferson Co.	1843	Ohio.	do
Joseph Gassner,	Crawfordsville, Washington Co.	1836	do	do
Cyrus Morey,	Attica, Marion Co.	1851	W. Virginia	1855
Jesse Craig,	Wapello, Louisa Co.	1845	Pittsburgh.	do
5 Pearl P. Ingalls,	(In the Army.)	1843	Ohio.	do
Isaac P. Teter,	Oskaloosa,	1853	Iowa.	do
James G. Thompson,	West Point, Lee County,	"	do	do
Samuel Hestwood,	Newton, Jasper Co.	"	do	do
Benjamin Holland,	Pella, Marion Co.	"	do	do
Thomas Dixon,	Millersburgh, Iowa Co.	"	do	do
William C. Shippen,	Albia, Monroe Co.	1852	do	do
Wesley Denny,	Keokuk,	1851	Ohio.	1856
6 Thomas Audas,	Hamilton, Marion Co. <i>(army)</i>	1852	Cincinnati.	do
Miltiades Miller.	Farmington, Lee Co.	1837	Indiana.	do
John H. Power. D. D:	Muscatine,	1821	Kentucky.	do

NAMES.	Post Office Address.	Entered the Itinerary.	Conference first joined.	Date of Memb'rship in Iowa C.
<i>Amos Bussey,</i>	Oskaloosa,	1837	Erie,	1856
Almond W. Stryker,	New London, Henry Co.,	1850	Indiana,	do
Nelson Wells,	Brookville, Jefferson Co.,	1854	Iowa,	do
George W. Bamford,	Washington,	do	do	do
7 Richard B. Allender,	(In the Army,)	do	do	do
Wesley J. Spaulding,	Mt. Pleasant,	do	do	do
8 Andrew J. Kirkpatrick,	(In the Army.)	do	do	do
C. Perry Reynolds,	Muscatine,	1853	do	do
Francis W. Slusser,	Indianapolis, Mahaska Co.,	1851	Baltimore,	do
Isaiah A. Bradrick,	Mt. Pleasant,	do	Ohio,	do
Samuel Reynolds,	Burlington,	1849	Erie,	do
Charles Elliott, D. D.,	St. Louis, Mo.	1818	Ohio,	1857
Edmund H. Waring,	Burlington,	1849	Baltimore,	do
<i>James H. McCutchen,</i>	Muscatine,	1839	Ohio,	do
John B. Hill,	.....	1852	W. Virgin'a	do
Marcus Carrier,	Galesburgh, Jasper Co.,	1851	Oneida,	do
9 John Elrod,	(In the Army,)	1855	Iowa,	do
James Haynes,	Knoxville, Marion Co.,	do	do	do
George W. Friend,	Troy, Van Buren Co.,	do	do	do
Anthony Robinson,	Mt. Pleasant,	1836	Indiana,	do
Abram C. Barnhart,	Montezuma, Poweshiek Co.,	1851	N. Indiana,	do
<i>Adam Miller,</i>	Chicago, Ills.	1831	Ohio,	1858
George N. Power,	Kossuth, Des Moines Co.,	1856	do	do
10 Samuel F. C. Garrison,	(In the Army,)	do	do	do
Henry Crellin,	Centreville, Appanoose Co.,	do	do	do
John T. Simmons,	Marengo, Iowa Co.	do	do	do
William Poston,	Blue Grass, Scott Co.,	do	do	do
Hiram W. Thomas,	Washington,	do	do	do
Abraham Laubach,	Siguorney, Keokuk Co.,	do	do	do
Thomas D. Boyles,	Numa P. O., Appanoose Co.,	1855	do	do
11 John Burgess,	Brighton, Washington Co. <i>(Army)</i>	1843	N. Ohio,	do
12 James W. Latham,	(In the Army,)	1854	W. Virgin'a	do
George W. Byrkit,	Bloomfield, Davis Co.,	1857	Iowa,	1859
George Clammer,	Greencastle, Jasper Co.,	do	do	do
Charles G. Milnes,	Keokuk,	do	do	do
Phineas F. Bresee,	Des Moines,	do	do	do
Amos S. Prather,	Grandview, Louisa Co.,	do	do	do
Abner Orr,	Lagrange, Lucas Co.,	do	do	do
George B. Jocelyn, D.D.	Mt. Pleasant,	1843	Indiana,	do
Manasseh B. Wayman,	Bloomfield, Davis Co.,	1858	Iowa,	1860
13 Dennis Murphy,	(In the Army.)	do	do	do
Emory Miller,	Burlington,	do	do	do
James H. Lucas,	Grinnell, Poweshiek Co.,	1853	Illinois,	do
Banner Mark,	Eddyville, Mahaska Co.	1846	Ohio,	1861
Addison C. Williams,	Fort Madison,	1859	Iowa,	do
John Haynes,	Lebanon, Van Buren, Co.,	do	do	do
14 Jacob B. Casebeer,	(In the Army,	do	do	do
Benjamin F. Tallman,	Chillicothe, Wapello Co.	do	do	do
John Welch,	Saylorville, Polk Co.,	do	do	do
Charles A. Hawn,	Unionville, Appanoose Co.,	do	do	do
James A. Wilson,	North Liberty, Johnsen Co.,	do	do	do
15 John Orr,	(In the army,)	do	do	do

NAMES.	Post Office Address.	Entered the Itinerancy.	Conference first joined.	Date of Membership in Iowa C.
16 William Mahon,	(In the Army,)	1859	Iowa.	1861
James M. Coats,	West Liberty, Muscatine Co.,	1860	do	1862
Charles W. Shaw,	Monroe, Jasper Co.,	do	do	do
Samuel H. Thomas,	Marengo, Iowa Co.,	do	do	do
Henry Runyan,	Washington,	do	do	do
Samuel W. Vernon,	Crawfordsville, Washington Co.,	do	do	do
William A. Byrkit,	Drakesville, Davis Co.,	do	do	do
PROBATIONER.				
17 John B. Drayer,	(In the Army,)	1860	Iowa,	1862

Since Conference Emory Miller has taken charge of Elliott Seminary, Burlington, Iowa. M. H. Hare has been appointed Chaplain of the 28th Regiment, Iowa Volunteers, and James Haynes to fill the vacancy on Albia District.—[Secretary.

OBITUARY.

Rev. ERASMUS T. COINER was born in Ross Co., Ohio, February 2d, 1832. He was the son of Christian and Elizabeth Coiner. In his seventeenth year he emigrated with his parents, and settled near Kossuth, Des Moines Co., Iowa, where he continued to reside for the next three years. During the winter of 1851-2 a great awakening took place in the neighborhood under the labors of a Presbyterian minister. At that time he was converted to God. Respecting his conversion he used to say that it was so clear and powerful, he could never for a moment doubt it. The whole tenor of his life was changed. He began to thirst for knowledge, and in the fall of 1852 he entered the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute. He pursued his studies with little intermission until his graduation in the Iowa Wesleyan University in June, 1857. In the spring of 1856 he was married to Miss Mary E. Young. In the Autumn of the same year he was licensed to exhort by Rev. Wesley Dennett the Pastor of the University Charge.

From the halls of learning he went directly, impressed with a conviction of duty, to the work of the ministry. He was admitted on trial in the Iowa Conference, at Des Moines, September 24th, 1857, and appointed to Leon Circuit, in Charge. In 1858 he was sent to the charge of Smyrna Circuit. At the Conference held at Muscatine, September 8th, 1859, he was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders, and he was ordained Deacon on Sabbath, September 11th, 1859, by Bishop Simpson. His field of labor for the next year was New York, Iowa. The division of the conference placed him in the Western Iowa Conference; but, at its first session, at Indianola, August 27th, 1860, he was transferred to the Iowa Conference, and at the session of the latter body held at Oskaloosa, he was sent to Farmington, Circuit. He was ordained an Elder by Bishop Scott, at Burlington, Iowa, August 25th, 1861, and appointed to Talleyrand Circuit. In September of the same year, urged by patriotic devotion to his Country and a strong sense of duty, he enlisted, and was elected First Lieutenant of Co. D Fourth Iowa Cavalry, in which he served to the entire satisfaction of his command. He was a good soldier and officer, loved by his men and fellow officers. As a Christian he was a bright and a shining light in the Camp, or the field, under all circumstances, up to the end of life. He was a faithful, earnest preacher, and under his ministry many were added to the Lord. He professed the blessing of holiness, and exhibited it in his life, being a living example of the power of Christianity.

During his eight months service in the army those who were with him say they never knew him to be even impatient.

Brother Coiner died at Jacksonsport, Ark., June 28th, 1862, aged 30 years, 4 months and 25 days. His disease was typhoid fever. His sickness was short, running its course in 6 days. During its progress he suffered much, and with great patience. An eye witness Rev. A. J. Kirkpatrick, Chaplain of the Regiment, declares that his death was one of the most glorious triumphs he ever witnessed. In his death the Church has lost a faithful minister, his wife and boy a loving husband and parent, the army a brave officer, and the country a noble patriot: but our loss is his gain. "It is of the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good."

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